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July 1, 1998

Attention: EIS/EIR Comments
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 9th Street, Room 252-34
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Comments Related to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

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Message

Attached are the comments from the California Association of Realtors, California Building Industry Association, and the California Business Properties Association regarding the CALFED Bay-Delta draft programmatic EIR/EIS. The original will be sent under separate cover.

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and the incorporation of marketplace principles for the greatest resource utilization. We strongly believe that such a balanced approach should provide for near-term water supply and water quality improvements to match the expected benefits for the ecosystem and common programs.

Our organizations remain committed to being actively involved in the CALFED process and plan to submit comments on the preferred alternative contained in the revised draft Programmatic EIS/EIR.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft Programmatic EIS/EIR and look forward to working with CALFED in the future

Sincerely,



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